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Invasive Plant Management Internship Opportunities

Congaree National Park

Established in 1976, Congaree National Park preserves the largest intact tract of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest in the United States. This site is an International Biosphere Reserve and Wilderness Area and serves as a classroom and laboratory for visitors, students and scientists from all over the world. The park hosts the Old-Growth Bottomland Forest Research and Education Center, which serves to connect scientists with the park and people with park research. The park has 25 miles of hiking trails, 2.5 miles of boardwalk, a wilderness canoe trail, primitive campground, and Visitor Center, each providing unique experiences.

Forest vegetation is the park's primary natural resource. Therefore, invasive plant control is a top management priority. Congaree National Park is seeking to fill several Invasive Plant Management Internships during Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. All internships include shared dormitory-style housing, a modest weekly stipend, and the opportunity for an AmeriCorps Award which can be used for future educational expenses. All internship positions are recruited and advertised through the Student Conservation Association (SCA). Please visit www.thesca.org for application procedures and to learn more about internship benefits. Specific internship positions include:

Resource Management Intern

SCA Position Code 11294

Approximate Start Date: 8/2/2010

Term: 12 weeks

Duties: Serves as a member of the Resource Management staff at Congaree National Park. Performs distribution mapping of non-native plants using GPS, controls non-native plants using both manual and chemical methods, and assists with additional resource management field and data management projects.

Native Plant Corps Team

SCA Position Code 11781

Approximate Start Date: 9/8/2010

Term: 4 months

SCA Position Code 11784

Approximate Start Date: 2/8/2011

Term: 5 months

Duties: Serves as a member of a mobile field crew to conduct non-native plant management and control activities at multiple National Park Service (NPS) sites across the Southeast. The team will both live and work together for the length of the internship. The team of interns will travel to multiple NPS sites, work on specific invasive plant management projects utilizing hand-pulling, mechanical removal, and/or chemical application techniques, and also participate in educational outreach activities focused on prevention and control of invasive species. Transportation and housing during each trip will also be provided.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

For specific information about any of these internship opportunities, contact Bill Hulslander, Chief or
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